**Rural Housing Development Policy**

2031. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce rural housing development policy to provide houses to homeless people of rural areas;

(b) what are the funds allocated for rural housing development during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what is the criteria of allotment of land to homeless people to build house?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Houses are being provided free of cost to the rural poor, belonging to the scheduled caste and scheduled tribe and also released bonded labourers under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) which is a sub scheme of the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana. In addition, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Rural Housing to supplement the efforts of the State Governments for providing housing facilities in rural areas is under consideration of the Government.

(b) In addition to the allocations under IAY, an amount of Rs. 350.00 crores has been provided for rural housing during Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) The scheme of allotment of house-sities was initiated in October, 1971 in the Central Sector with a view to providing house-sites to landless rural agricultural workers, free of cost. The scheme was transferred to the State Sector with effect from April, 1974 and became part of the Minimum Needs Programme. It was later on made a part of the 20-Point Programme and the scope of the scheme was further widened to cover all the rural artisans also.

**Plan for Wastelands Development**

2032. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any plan from the former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission on wasteland development;

(b) what is reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government would propose to institute a Committee of Social/non-political experts to bring about the developments in wasteland?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT): (COL. RAO RAM SINGH): (a) No plan for wastelands development has been received from Shri Mohan Dharia, former Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission. However, a letter was received by the Government dated 30th October, 1992 from Shi Mohan Dharia which had a note entitled "Land-Water Use and Wastelands Development in India" prepared in connection with the proposed National Convention on 'Land-Water Use and Wastelands Development in the Country'.

(b) The note of Shri Mohan Dharia was examined in detail: On certain issues action is already being taken for example, on suggestion regarding steps to be taken to remove restrictions on cutting of trees on private lands or the role wastelands development can play in generation of rural employment. The suggestion regarding need for preparation of data base for wastelands development and need for preparation of master plan for wastelands development are also under implementation at various departments of the Government. Some suggestions are being incorporated in the new schemes of the Department of Wastelands development like need for soil and water conservation, involvement of various Government departments for bringing their land under per-

manent green cover. However, some suggestions cannot be taken up because of legal restrictions or financial constraints for example, forest wastelands cannot be made available to the local communities/ cooperatives/educational institutions for greening as this would be against the National Forest Policy as well as provisions of the Forest Conservation Act. Shri Dharia was also requested by Minister of State (Wastelands Development) for discussions on his suggestions.

(c) The Wastelands Development Programme in the country receive through formal institutional structures and consultations with different groups involved in wastelands development, regular policy and technical inputs because of which Government do not propose to institute a separate committee for development of wastelands.

**गुजरात में मुकदमेबाजी में फंसी भूमि**

**2033. श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात में मुकदमेबाजी में फंसी 75% भूमि का शीघ्र निपटान करने का निर्णय मार्च, 1992 में आयोजित राजस्व मंत्रियों की बैठक में किया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो मार्च, 1993 तक कितनी प्रतिशत भूमि का निपटान हो चुका है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य सरकार को क्या निर्देश दे रही है ?

**ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) :** (क) से (ग) 14 मार्च, 1992 को नई दिल्ली में हुए राजस्व मंत्रियों के सम्मेलन में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ यह निर्णय लिया गया था कि राजस्व न्यायालयों में मुकदमेबाजी में फंसी भूमि में से 75% भूमि को मुकदमेबाजी से मुक्त कराया जाए ताकि यह पात्र भूमिहीन गरीबों में वितरण हेतु उपलब्ध हो सके । वितरण का यह कार्य 30 सितम्बर, 1992 तक पूरा कर लिया जाना चाहिए। संबंधित राज्य सरकारों को तदनुसार सलाह दी गई है । इसके अतिरिक्त, गुजरात सरकार सहित अलग-अलग राज्य सरकारों से पत्रों के माध्यम से अधिकतम सीमा से फालतू उपलब्ध भूमि का वितरण करने, मुकदमों के शीघ्र निपटान के लिए संविधान के अनुच्छेद-323-ख के अंतर्गत विशेष भूमि न्यायाधिकरण स्थापित करने अथवा विशेष न्यायपीठ स्थापित करने के लिए अपने-अपने उच्च न्यायालयों से अनुरोध करने को कहा गया था, इन पत्रों में प्रधान मंत्री का 7 नवम्बर, 1991 तथा ग्रामीण विकास राज्य मंत्री के 21 नवम्बर, 1991, 6 अप्रैल, 27 जून और 28 नवम्बर, 1992 तथा 16 फरवरी, 1993 के अर्धशासकीय पत्र शामिल हैं।

राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार, 1-4-1992 से 31-3-1993 को अवधि के दौरान राजस्व न्यायालयों के समक्ष मुकदमों से मुक्त कराए गए 46.56 प्रतिशत क्षेत्र का वितरण कर दिया गया है।

**Growth of Parthenium needs in Bangalore**

2034. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in India Today' (April 30, 1993) that there has been prolific growth of Parthenium weeds in Bangalore urban area the pollan of which causes allergy on mass scale leading to respiratory troubles like Asthma etc;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up a Parthenium Eradication Project in Bangalore urban area to check the spread of allergy among Bangalore residents; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that experimental cultivation of Mexican Beetle and Cassia Cerecia has been attempted to check the growth of Parthenium and if so, the results thereof?